...MACHIA SENT YOU?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING US?

WELL, DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE WEIRDER IF HE WASN'T WATCHING YOU?

MACHIA ISN'T THE TYPE TO GIVE UP ON SOMEONE.

DON'T TELL ME YOU THOUGHT HE WASN'T ABLE TO FIND YOU UNTIL NOW?

HE'S NOT AS IMPOTENT AS YOU THINK.

HE'S WATCHING EVERYTHING.

WHAT'S HE WAITING FOR THEN?

WHY'S HE STILL WATCHING HIM, IF HE CAN TAKE HIM BACK WHENEVER HE WANTS?

I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST HIS EYES.

I'M NOT HERE TO KILL YOU OR LURE YOU INTO A TRAP.

TRUST ME!

IS...

SIRA...

IS SIRA SAFE?
IS SHE STILL ALIVE?!

CALM DOWN.
THESE GUYS ONLY WATCH WHAT HAPPENS OUTSIDE.
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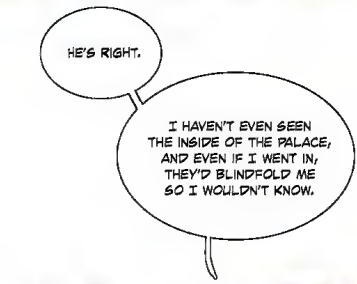
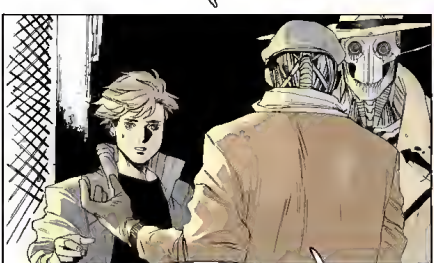
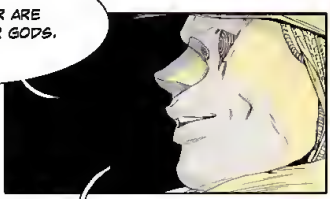

HE'S RIGHT.
I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN THE INSIDE OF THE PALACE, AND EVEN IF I WENT IN, THEY'D BLINDFOLD ME SO I WOULDN'T KNOW.



BUT THE ONE THING I DO KNOW, IS THAT SHE'S ALIVE.

I GUESS THIS GUY HASN'T TOLD YOU MUCH.

YOU AND HER ARE BASICALLY OUR GODS.



BECAUSE YOU MADE US.

HEY, BASTARD. YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR MOUTH. OR I'LL RIP OUT YOUR DAMNED EYES.

I'D RATHER YOU DID. I'M GETTING SICK OF LIVING AS SOMEONE ELSE'S EYES...

...WHAT ARE YOU...

...TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, GODS? YOU'RE THE ONES THAT MADE AND USED US!

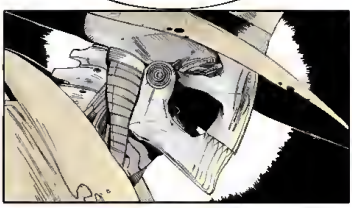
WHY DO YOU THINK WE'VE RETAINED OUR HUMANOID FORMS, DESPITE THE TIME THAT'S PASSED?

THIS IS A RELIGION. OBSESSION. BLIND FAITH.

WE'VE STILL BEEN UNABLE TO DISCARD IT... HATING THEM WHILE ENVYING THEM, SCORNING THEM WHILE LOVING THEM.

THAT'S WHY EVERYONE WANTS TO BE LIKE THEM, NO MATTER WHAT.

THAT'S WHY WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANOTHER FORM...



AND THAT'S WHY WE STILL COPY YOU HUMANS.

WHILE WE WERE HUMANS

THAT BECAME MACHINES BY THEIR HANDS,

WE WANT TO BECOME HUMANS AGAIN.

WE WANT TO RETURN TO OUR HUMAN BODIES AGAIN.

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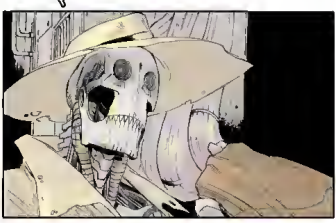
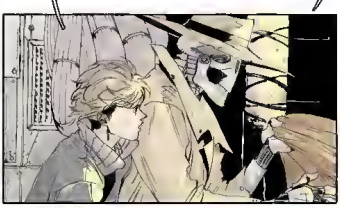
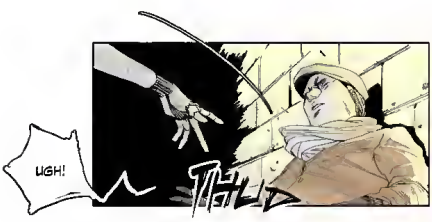


RETURN? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

...YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW, YURA.



DID MACHIA ORDER YOU TO TELL HIM THAT?



UGH!

HAHA...

THEY MAY BE ABLE TO SEE THROUGH MY EYES, BUT HOW I MOVE AND TALK IS COMPLETELY UP TO ME.

AND SINCE I CAN CONTROL MY EYES, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

...BUT I CAN'T KEEP IT UP FOR LONG. IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME IF THEY SUSPECT SOMETHING.

SIGH...

CLENCH

THWAK

UGH...
LET'S GO.
WE SHOULDN'T BE WASTING
TIME LIKE THIS.

HEH..,HEHE,..

PING

MACHIA...
WAS WATCHING ME...
EVER SINCE
I ESCAPED...
STEP
STEP
STEP
BUT WHY ISN'T HE
DOING ANYTHING? WHY HAS
HE ONLY BEEN WATCHING ME
FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS?

NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE DISCUSSING THAT.

WE CAN'T STAY OUTSIDE LIKE THIS.

HE MIGHT'VE ONLY BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

BUT WHY IS HE ONLY WATCHING ME?

YURA!

SQUEEZE

WE CAN'T LEAVE YOU INJURED LIKE THIS ANY LONGER!

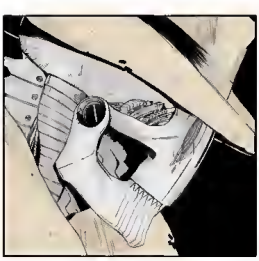
TALKING ABOUT IT NOW, WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING.

AND WE DON'T KNOW WHEN SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT BE ATTACKING US.

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW SOPHIE FOLLOWED YOU HERE WHEN THE LANDLORD SAID HE'D CLEAN UP AFTER US...

AND IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO GO BACK TO CHECK...ANYWAY, NOW'S NOT A GOOD TIME. WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT WHEN WE GET TO "R".

WHAT DID SOPHIE MEAN BY YOUR DAUGHTER?
DID YOU...



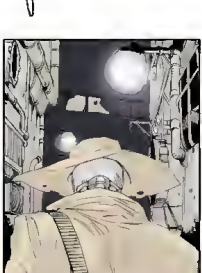
...LOSE YOUR FAMILY TOO?

HURRY UP.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR YOUR FAMILY TOO?

THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

BE QUIET AND FOLLOW ME.



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